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Eugene Henry Cozzens Leutze

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Eugene Henry Cozzens Leutze (16 November 1847 – 1 September 1931) was an admiral of the United States Navy.

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He was born on 16 November 1847 to Emanuel Leutze in Düsseldorf, Prussia. Appointed to the United States Naval Academy by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, he witnessed part of the Civil War on board the blockade ship *Monticello* the following summer.[1]

His early career brought Leutze various surveying assignments, especially in Central America. In 1897, as commanding officer of *Alert*, he helped promote the peace when representatives from Costa Rica and Nicaragua met and signed a treaty of peace aboard his ship. As captain of *Monterey* during the Spanish–American War, he sailed to reinforce Admiral George Dewey's fleet at Manila, and was present when the city capitulated.[1]

A fine administrator, he was promoted to rear admiral in 1907 while Superintendent of the Naval Gun Factory and Commandant of the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. Admiral Leutze ended his active career as Commandant of both the 3rd Naval District and the New York Navy Yard on 6 June 1912. He died at Brooklyn Naval Hospital on 1 September 1931.[1]

He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on 17 September 1931[2] without any "pomp and ritual" at his own request.

Namesake [edit source]

In 1942, the destroyer USS *Leutze* (DD-481) was named in his honor.[1]

Leutze Park, the main parade ground at the Washington Navy Yard, is named in his honor. It is used for official change-of-command and retirement ceremonies.[3]

Eugene Henry Cozzens Leutze

Born	16 November 1847 Düsseldorf, Prussia
Died	15 September 1931 (aged 83) Brooklyn Naval Hospital, New York City
Place of burial	Arlington National Cemetery
Allegiance	United States of America
Service/ branch	United States Navy
Years of service	1863–1912
Rank	Rear admiral
Commands held	USS *Alert* USS *Monterey*
Battles/wars	American Civil War Spanish–American War
Relations	Emanuel Leutze (father)

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